

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this amendment prior to the payment of the issue fee, please amend claims 25 and 40 without prejudice. The amendments to the claims merely bring the language of the Examiner's amendment describing the filter as having a retentate surface and a filtrate surface to be consistent with the claim 1 also made by Examiner's amendment. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested since it merely conforms the language of certain subject matter within the allowed claims and does not expand or change the scope of the subject matter already examined and allowed.

CONCLUSION

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since no additional search is required, no more than a cursory review of the record is needed, and the amendments do not require a substantial amount of work on the part of the Office. Further, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

Respectfully submitted,

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